

CHAPTER 11

SECTION 3.1

RESOURCE SHARING AND RESOURCE SUPPORT

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I. DESCRIPTION

Resource Sharing and Resource Support are both programs established to allow individual Military Treatment Facility (MTF) Commanders to use medical personnel, equipment, or supplies provided by the Managed Care Support (MCS) contractor for the purpose of enhancing the capabilities of MTFs to provide needed inpatient and outpatient care to Military Health System (MHS) patients. The primary difference between Resource Sharing and Resource Support is that, under Resource Sharing, the sharing agreement has to be mutually beneficial to the MTF and the MCS contractor and both parties have to agree in writing to the agreement. Resource Support is a task ordering mechanism for MTF commanders to order services and supplies that he or she determines to be necessary for the MTF, whether or not the MCS contractor benefits from the agreement.

II. POLICY

A. Resource Sharing agreements shall not be implemented until the agreement between the MCS Contractor and the MTF is approved by the Lead Agent.

B. The Lead Agent/MTF Commander and the MCS contractor may enter into either Internal or External Resource Sharing Agreements.

C. The MCS Contractor is responsible for credentialing and certifying the health professionals who will be working under Resource Sharing and Resource Support programs. These health professionals shall not be permitted to work in the MTF until the Hospital Commander has granted them privileges to do so.

D. Notwithstanding the above, resource sharing and resource support personnel are under the supervision and responsibility of the contractor, not the government. These personnel must carry their own liability protection.

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